

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 March 29 2015 to 0600 March 30 2015



Hagen Canyon, Red Rock Canyon State Park, on 03/14/15.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Firefighters Gain on Montana Fire that Forced Evacuation of Ski Area

(Reuters) Firefighters in Montana on Sunday were working to contain a wildfire that forced the evacuation of hundreds from a ski area as flames driven by high winds threatened to engulf the only road to and from the resort, officials said. The Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area in the Custer Gallatin National Forest in south central Montana resumed operations on Sunday after skiers were told to leave the day before as a safety precaution. No other structures were under evacuation orders as moderating weather conditions were expected to give fire crews the upper hand for the first time in two days, said fire information officer Jeff Gildehaus. The blaze was one of several that broke out on Saturday in southern Montana and northern Wyoming, where unseasonably warm temperatures and winds gusting up to 60 miles an hour gave rise to extreme fire behavior usually seen in late fall in the Northern Rocky Mountain states, Gildehaus said. The fire has charred 700 acres of steep, forested terrain intersected by grasslands. While Gildehaus said that the fire was thought to be set by people, it was unclear whether the blaze was intentional.

New York City Gas Explosion: Second Body Found Three Days On

(BBC News) Two bodies have been found at the site of a massive gas explosion that flattened three buildings in New York on Thursday. The bodies were found on Sunday, but no identities have been released. Two people have been reported missing from a sushi restaurant hit by the blast: Nicholas Figueroa, who was on a date there, and a worker, Moises Lucon. A further 22 people were injured in the explosion and subsequent fire, four critically. Utility inspectors had declared plumbing and gas work inside one of the buildings faulty just an hour before the explosion, locking the line to ensure it would not be used and then leaving, officials said. The blast that followed soon after left heaps of bricks and mangled debris across the street in Manhattan's East Village. Mr. Figueroa's date, who is being treated in hospital, remembers only stumbling out of the restaurant before losing consciousness. New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said officials would investigate whether anyone had improperly tapped the gas supply prior to the blast.

Florida Church Van Crash Kills 8

(CNN) A van crash in Glades County, Florida, killed eight adults and injured 10 other people, the Florida Highway Patrol said Monday. An investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the crash, said Lt. Greg Bueno, a Highway Patrol spokesman. The van apparently was traveling east on State Road 78 when it ran a stop sign at U.S. Highway 27 early Monday, authorities said. It then traveled across all four lanes of U.S. 27, crossing a concrete median, and stopped in a ditch that was partially filled with water. The large conversion van is affiliated with a church out of the Fort Pierce, Florida, area, Bueno said. The group was returning from a trip to Fort Myers. Officials are not releasing the name of the church, or the names of the victims, pending notification of next of kin.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Airstrikes Shake Yemen's Capital as Shiite Rebels Push South

(AP) A series of airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition shook Yemen's capital, Sanaa, overnight and early Monday morning as dozens of families fled the capital seeking safety. The strikes were targeting Shiite rebels, who have controlled the capital since September and have overrun most of Yemen, forcing the Western-backed president to flee the country. Meanwhile the rebels, known as Houthis, continued their military push south toward the port city of Aden, Yemen's economic hub and the provisional capital declared by embattled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi. Monday marked the fifth day of the airstrike campaign against the Houthis and their allies — largely security forces loyal to deposed leader Ali Abdullah Saleh. The strikes have targeted militants, jets, air defense systems and Scud missile launch pads that could threaten Saudi Arabia.

Second Blogger Hacked to Death this Year in Bangladesh

(Reuters) A blogger was hacked to death by machete-wielding assailants in the Bangladesh capital Dhaka on Monday, the second attack in five weeks on a critic of religious extremism in the Muslim-majority South Asian nation. Washikur Rahman, a secular blogger, was attacked by young religious students on a busy street in the center of Dhaka on Monday morning, a police official said. Police on duty near the spot caught two attackers red-handed with three machetes as they were fleeing the scene after the incident," police official Humayan Kabir told Reuters. The killing comes just weeks after U.S. secular blogger Avijit Roy was hacked to death while returning with his wife from a book fair in Dhaka. His wife, Rafida Bonya Ahmed, suffered head injuries and lost a finger in the Feb. 26 attack. The attacks come amidst a period of political turmoil in the country, with the government and main opposition group locked in a months-long standoff that has created a sense of deepening insecurity across the country.

Rhino Rampages in Nepal City, Killing 1 and Injuring Several

(AP) A wild rhino charged into a city in southern Nepal on Monday, killing a woman, injuring several others and chasing panicked people through the main market and a hospital, an official said. Attempts to force the rhino out of Hetauda city by honking car horns and beating drums were unsuccessful, with the animal running from one area to another, government administrator Ram Prasad Thapaliya said. Teams with tranquilizer guns were on their way to attempt to capture it, he said. Thapaliya said the rhino gored down a 61-year-old woman on the outskirts of Hetauda, a city of about 135,000 people that borders a forested area. An unknown number of people were injured, he said. It chased people around the main downtown market and the city bus station, he said. "The whole town is terrorized by this animal. It even entered the local hospital, forcing terrified people to jump over the fences," Thapaliya said. Hetauda is about 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Kathmandu, Nepal's capital.

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Firefighting Runoff Incident, Modesto, Stanislaus County (Initial/Final)

On 03/29/15 at 1715 hours, a fire occurred at a recycling plant located at 3096 Farrar Avenue in Modesto, Stanislaus County. During the course of extinguishing the fire, an estimated 120,000 gallons of firefighting runoff occurred.

- An unknown amount of the release went into a storm drain that runs to the Stanislaus River.
- There are no known chemicals at the facility, just a little oil.
- The release is contained, there is no known impact, and no drinking water is impacted.
- Cal OES FDO advised per Stanislaus Regional ECC, this was a Commercial Structure Fire in a manufacturing company that deals with plastics. DWR and County Environmental Health were on scene and conducted a water test of the runoff. Readings came back as clear or at very low levels of what is considered a hazard or concern.
- Cal OES FDO and IDO confirmed there are no requests for assistance or unmet needs.
- The California State Warning Center conducted all appropriate notifications, including but not limited to local government agencies.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the situation. This will be the final report on this incident unless the circumstances warrant.

Sewage Release, San Clemente, Orange County (Initial)

On 03/29/15 at 2100 hours, a power failure at a lift station located near Avenida Pico and El Camino Real in San Clemente, Orange County, resulted in the release of an estimated over 10,000 gallons of sewage. The source of the release is a gravity line to the main lift station located underneath a restaurant. Per the City of San Clemente:

- The release was contained as of 0045 hours on 03/30/15.
- According to the business owner, the release started going onto the beach at 2235 hours on 03/29/15 and an unknown amount of the sewage release may have entered the Pacific Ocean.
- Septic haulers are on site to recover as much of the release as possible and return it to a by-pass main.
- A City of San Clemente employee remains on site to monitor the situation. A reassessment will occur this morning to determine a more accurate amount released and also if the beach needs to be closed.
- There are no requests for assistance or unmet needs.
- The California State Warning Center conducted all appropriate notifications, including but not limited to local government agencies.
- Cal OES Duty Officers continue to monitor the situation. This report will be updated as information becomes available.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Two 6.8 Magnitude Earthquakes near Samoa Islands Region

On 03/30/15 at 0118 hours, a verified 6.8 magnitude earthquake occurred 136 miles southwest of Apia, Samoa. National Tsunami Warning Center issued a Public Tsunami Information Statement advising no tsunami danger for California. Warning Center briefed all California Coastal Warning Points.

On 03/30/15 at 0149 hours, a second verified 6.8 magnitude earthquake occurred 106 miles south southwest of Apia, Samoa. National Tsunami Warning Center issued a Public Tsunami Information Statement advising no tsunami danger for California. Warning Center briefed all California Coastal Warning Points.

4.0 Magnitude Earthquake near Ludlow, San Bernardino County

On 03/30/15 at 0221 hours, a verified 4.0 magnitude earthquake occurred 8 miles northwest of Ludlow, San Bernardino County. Per San Bernardino County Warning Point, they did not feel the quake and they have not received any reports of damage or injury.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- Freeze Watch in effect from late Tuesday night through Wednesday morning for central Siskiyou County. Sub-freezing temperatures are possible and these conditions could kill crops and other sensitive vegetation.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

An approaching cold front will spread rain across Del Norte and Humboldt Counties tonight and Tuesday. Limited rainfall is expected over Trinity and Mendocino Counties. Unsettled weather will persist through much of the week north of Cape Mendocino. Colder nighttime lows will lead to the threat of frost across portions of the interior.

Medford Weather:

Today is expected to be the warmest day of the week and may be the warmest day of the next two weeks. Highs today are expected to be 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Tonight through Tuesday a sharp temperature drop is expected as a trough of low pressure pushes in from the Gulf of Alaska. Also on Tuesday, the forecast area can expect gusty winds and light to moderate precipitation with snow levels falling to around 5000 feet. A Freeze Watch has been issued for the Shasta Valley for the possibility of temperatures at or below 30F Wednesday morning.

Reno Weather:

High pressure over the Great Basin will bring one more day of very warm conditions. This ridge will weaken Tuesday as low pressure approaches the West Coast leading to gusty winds and cooler temperatures. As this low moves inland, further cooling is expected Wednesday and Thursday with possible light rain and snow showers.

San Francisco Weather:

Mostly clear and mild weather will continue through today. A dry weather system will sweep into the area beginning Tuesday. This will bring much cooler conditions Tuesday and Wednesday along with locally gusty winds. Temperatures will then warm slightly by the end of the week. Dry weather is forecast at least through Saturday. Rain may develop by late in the weekend.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Warm and fairly dry weather will continue today. Weak weather systems may bring a few intermittent showers to the mountains Tuesday and Wednesday along with cooler temperatures. Another chance of precipitation will be possible next weekend.

Hanford Weather:

Several weak upper level disturbances will brush through the region over the next several days. This will keep temperatures away from extreme highs but most of the area will still be several degrees above average.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Cooler weather is expected early this week due to onshore flow. Night through morning low clouds and fog will be possible along parts of the coast. Gusty northwest to north winds will develop for parts of the area on Tuesday and Wednesday as several moisture starved fronts pass to the north. Well above normal temperatures are expected late in the week as Santa Ana conditions develop.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

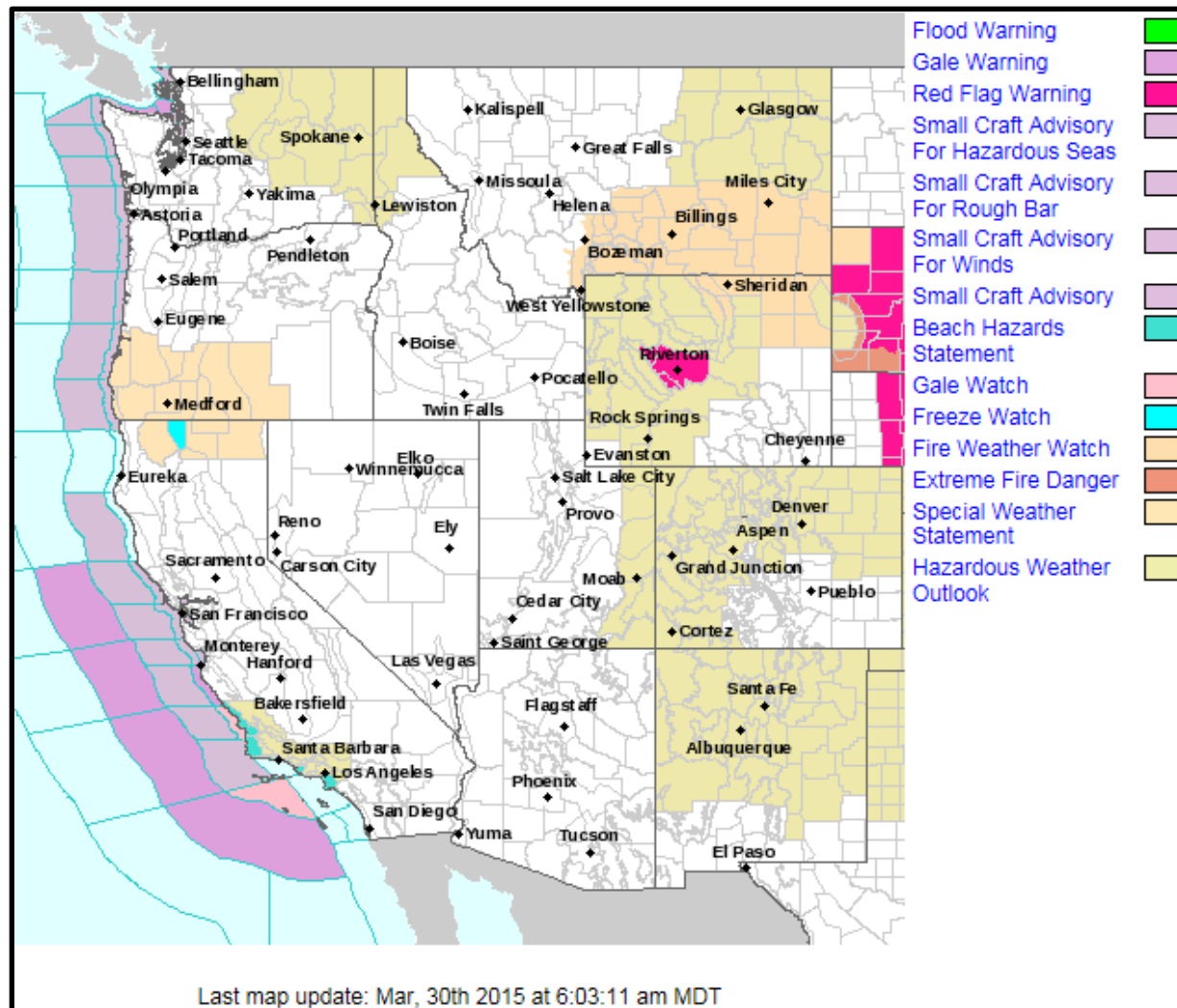
A low pressure system moving inland to the north on Tuesday and a second low pressure system moving inland through California on Wednesday will bring stronger onshore flow into Thursday with night and morning coastal low clouds and fog, inland cooling, and gusty west winds in the mountains and deserts. Offshore flow and high pressure aloft will bring warming on Friday with gusty northeast winds near the coastal foothills. For next weekend, a low pressure system developing over the eastern Pacific will bring a cooling trend.

Southeast California Weather:

An area of weak low pressure will pass south of the area early this week bringing increased cloudiness, but little in the way of cooler temperatures. Expect afternoon highs to warm into the 90s each day through Tuesday. A series of weather disturbances later this week will bring slightly cooler temperatures to the region.



STATE WEATHER MAP



FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Mono County

- Site sampling and hazardous materials recovery of the affected properties began 03/14/15. Cal Recycle began debris removal operations 03/23/15.
- Two Recovery personnel have deployed to Mono County to assist with debris removal operations.
- An Applicant's Briefing will be held on 04/03/15 at 1300 hours, at the Lee Vining Community Center, to discuss the eligibility and guidelines of the CDAA program.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur on a bi-weekly basis.

CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

- 2015-LAW-9328, 03/30/15 0123 hours, Madera County Sheriff's Department requesting a helicopter with FLARE equipment to assist in the search for a missing person. Cal OES LDO coordinating resources. **Mission ongoing.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.